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TO D. W. Ferrera

FROM J. M. Kersh 

SUBJECT HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE ISSUE

Because of the possibility of contaminating the plant surface waters with herbicides or pesticides, the use of such chemicals will be sharply curtailed during this growing season. No herbicides are to be utilized on the Rocky Flats Plant this season. Weed control will be done by primarily mechanical means which will be incrementally supplemented over the years by biological controls. Dam faces, road shoulders, pistol and rifle ranges, around buildings, and other such areas will require hand or power mowing. The fire break roads will be graded as has been done in the past. The use of herbicides as a soil sterilizer under paving will also be curtailed.

Insecticides such as F1CAM+ may be applied by a licensed applicator around buildings to control ants and spiders. Plant services should control these applications to assure the absolute minimum for controls are used.

The use of selective weevils to control thistles will be initiated, however, it may take several years to prove their effectiveness. There may be other natural methods of controlling the weeds. Burning of the weeds in the outlying ditches and stream beds will be considered if proper approvals can be obtained.

The control and management of the remediation lands east of Indiana Street will be addressed separately.

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